

Humane Traps

The American Humane Association, after its thirteenth annual trap contest (in 1940), announced the development of chain leg-hold traps which "will do anything the steel trap will do"; i.e., equals the steel trap in the four qualities of humanness, efficiency, practicality, and reasonableness of cost. The Association considers leg-hold traps markedly more humane, and claims that they "go the steel trap one better by obtaining [for the trapper] an undamaged pelt." (*The National Humane Review*, 28, No. 7, July, 1940:3.)

Following their fourteenth annual contest, in 1941, the Association now says, "Humane traps of all types have now come to light which [compared with steel traps] are just as cheap to manufacture, just as light to transport, easier to set and more efficient." (*Ibid.*, 29, No. 7, July, 1941:5).—F.N.H.

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The officers charged with the arrangements for the Tenth International Ornithological Congress scheduled to have been held in the United States in 1942 announce that the proposed meeting has been indefinitely postponed.

Material for a biography of Louis Agassiz Fuertes, naturalist and bird artist, is being collected by his daughter, Mrs. Mary Fuertes Boynton, R.D. 3, Trumansburg, New York. She is eager to have letters written by Louis Fuertes, as well as anecdotes and personal recollections. Letters sent to her will be copied and returned to the owners promptly.

Burt L. Monroe has been appointed State Ornithologist of Kentucky.

Harry C. Oberholser retired on June 30 after forty-six years of distinguished service in the "U.S. Biological Survey." Since his retirement from the government service he has been appointed curator of birds at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Dr. Oberholser is one of the Wilson Club's members of longest standing. He joined in 1894, the year the *Bulletin* began publication.

The Annual Convention of the National Audubon Society will be held at Audubon House in New York City from Friday evening, October 17 through October 21. There will be field trips to Cape May, New Jersey, and Montauk Point, Long Island on October 18 and 19. The meeting will be featured by the showing of some of the finest wildlife motion pictures in color. The public is cordially welcome.

The Fifty-ninth Stated Meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union was held in Denver September 1 to 6. The former officers were reelected. The Wilson Ornithological Club was represented at the sessions of the Council by George M. Sutton. The 1942 meeting will be held in Philadelphia.